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LANSING — Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, Merit Award Winner Meghan Lizotte and her father Bruce Hundley will be available for a photograph at Howell High School on Friday, June 20, at 2:15 p.m.

Bruce will be placing a 'Proud Parent of a Merit Scholar' bumper sticker on his car, honoring his daughter's academic achievement in high school.

Sen. Garcia has been instrumental in Senate Republican efforts to preserve and fully fund the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program.

The Merit Award program has helped more than 140,000 students make college more affordable since 2000.